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Rare Trumpeter Swans Nest East of the Rockies

Martin, S. D.: Fifteen trumpeter swan cygnets were produced this year on the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota, says the Department of the Interior. This is the only place east of the Rocky Mountains where the rare birds nest in the wild.

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Early Teal Season Attracts Sportsmen

Minneapolis, Minn.: The Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife estimates that between 180,000 and 190,000 permits were issued for the experimental early teal hunting season this year in the Central and Mississippi Flyways.

Interest in the special season was highest in Minnesota, where 55,000 permits were issued, and lowest in Wyoming, where fewer than 600 were issued.

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1965 Harvest of Alaska Fur Seals Ends

Anchorage, Alaska: The Department of the Interior says the 1965 harvest of Alaska fur seals in the Pribilof Islands, was 51,020 skins: 41,216 males, 6,352 immature females, and 3,452 mature females. In addition, about 1,500 skins were taken for experimental purposes.

Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries manages and harvests the fur seal herds. It cures the sealskins before shipping them to a processor. Seven-eighths of the harvest goes to the Fouke Fur Company, Greenville, S. C., for processing and sale for the United States account; one-eighth of the harvest is set aside for experimental processing by interested firms.

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Refrigerated Fish Hatchery Truck Scheduled for Southwest

Albuquerque, N. M.: A new, long-range, large-capacity fish distribution truck is being tested by the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The unit, scheduled for use throughout the Bureau's Southwestern Region, where temperatures occasionally reach 120 degrees, has a refrigeration system to maintain proper water temperatures and keep the fish in good condition during long trips through desert areas before reaching streams and lakes where they will be planted.

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Per Capita Consumption of Fishery Products Increases Slightly

Washington, D. C.: The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries says preliminary indications for 1965 are that per capita consumption of fishery products will increase slightly this year.

Per capita consumption is expected to be 10.7 pounds, up from the 10.6-pound average of the previous 3 years.

Increased harvests of certain species is believed the reason for the slight increase.

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